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## MANY HURT IN NEW YORK FIRE

Blaze in Tenement House Results in Injuries to More Than a Score.

## THRILLING RESCUES EFFECTED

Five May Die as Result of Being Overcome—Firemen Take Many Persons From Roof and Upper Stories of Building.

New York, Dec. 30.—More than a score of persons were injured, five possibly fatally, in a fire which swept a double tenement on Belmont avenue, East New York, today. Six of the injured are firemen who were overcome by smoke and hurt in aiding imperiled people in the blazing structure. Some of the tenants escaped to adjoining buildings but when the firemen reached the scene the fire escapes and upper windows were crowded with panic-stricken people ready to jump. All were deterred and rescued by ladders, except one woman who jumped from the second story window and was badly injured. In one room a family of five foreigners was found unconscious. The firemen carried them to the fire escape and down the ladders. All five of the rescued persons are in hospitals in a serious condition. Three firemen fell unconscious when they reached the street with their burdens. Three other firemen were overcome after rescuing tenants from the roof and the upper stories.

## TWO ARE ASPHYXIATED.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30.—William Foster, a prominent architect and theatrical man, owner of the Foster opera house, and Louis Lemm, son of a banker, of Spencer, Iowa, aged seventeen, who was a guest at the Foster home, were found dead from asphyxiation in adjoining rooms at the Foster residence today. A leaking gas stove in the bath room into which both bed rooms opened, was the cause of the tragedy.

## MEET WOLGAST AT FRISCO OR NO FIGHT SAYS NELSON

Lightweight Champion Intimates Ad is a Bit Afraid—Has Assurance From Hester Long Bout Will be Allowed.

Milwaukee, Wis. Dec. 30.—"Battling" Nelson, lightweight champion pugilist, said today that if Wolgast will not fight him before the Hester's club of San Francisco, there'll be no fight. "It looks to me as if he's a bit afraid," said Nelson.

"Wolgast's excuse about not being able to hold a forty-five round fight is all hush. I have assurances from Hester he has secured permission to hold the long battle in Frisco, and I'll take his word for it."

## IROQUOIS THEATER FIRE.

Sixth Anniversary of Dreadful Holocaust is Marked Today.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Today was the sixth anniversary of the Iroquois theater fire, in which nearly six hundred persons, mostly women and children, lost their lives. For several years after the dreadful holocaust the anniversary was marked each year by the holding of public memorial exercises, but this custom has since been abandoned and the only observance today consisted of the decoration of the graves of the victims in the various Chicago cemeteries.

## BUYS BASEBALL GROUNDS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced this afternoon that Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, has purchased the grounds of the Philadelphia National league baseball club.

## CARDINAL SATOLLI DYING.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Satolli, who is ill with nephritis, is failing rapidly today. His life has been prolonged only by the artificial administration of oxygen.

## WILL SING CAROLS.

Laurium Male Choir at Calumet M. E. Church Saturday Night.

The Laurium male choir, composed of about 30 vocalists, under the leadership of C. C. Uren, will render a number of Christmas carols in the Calumet M. E. church Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, mine time. The program is as follows:

Carol, "Hail, Sacred Day." Quartette, "The Lord's Prayer." Carol, "Hark, What Means." Carol, "Lo, He Comes." Recitation, J. Vincent. Carol, "Lo, the Eastern Sages." Address, Rev. E. Sedwick. Carol, "Hark, the Glad Sound." Carol, "Let Eastern Tribes." Quartette. Recitation, J. Vincent. Carol, "Awake the Lofly Song." Carol, "Sound, Sound." Carol, "Bethlehem." E. Mitchell will preside at the organ, and C. C. Uren will conduct.

## PRESIDENTS NIECE WEDS SEATTLE LUMBER DEALER

Miss Louise W. Taft Becomes Bride of George H. Snowdon in a Simple Ceremony at New York Today—Sail for Egypt Soon.

New York, Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Louise W. Taft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, and a niece of the President, and Mr. George H. Snowdon of Seattle, took place this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in West Forty-eighth street. The event was a small one, and owing to mourning in the family the original plan for a large reception was abandoned. The bride had for her only attendant Miss Margaret Lowe, and Reese Alsop was Mr. Snowdon's best man. Mr. Snowdon and his bride will sail next week for Egypt, and on their return will live in Seattle, where Mr. Snowdon is engaged in the lumber business.

Today's wedding is the culmination of a pretty little romance which had its beginning on a transatlantic liner less than two years ago. Mr. Snowdon, whose father is a wealthy Pittsburgh banker, graduated from the Sheffield Scientific school in 1905. After a two year's tour of the world he engaged in business in Seattle. In January, 1908, he started for a visit to Mediterranean ports.

In the meantime Miss Taft had finished her education at a private school on the Hudson, and with her mother planned a trip to Europe. As fate would have it, Miss Taft and Mr. Snowdon both took passage on the Cedric of the White Star line. They had not been out of sight of land twenty-four hours before they were friends. When Mrs. and Miss Taft disembarked at Gibraltar there was a mutual understanding between the young people. Mr. Snowdon continued the passage to Naples, but not to stay. His journey there was cut short and the Tafts were surprised one day to have him drop in on them at their hotel in Nice.

From Nice the Tafts journeyed to Monte Carlo, and Mr. Snowdon went as their guest. From there Mrs. Taft and the young couple went to various watering places on the continent, finally reaching Paris in April. Here Miss Taft and Mr. Snowdon parted. Mrs. Taft and her daughter, sailing for home on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie and Mr. Snowdon, canceling his proposed longer tour of Europe, followed on the Cedric soon after.

Mr. Snowdon joined the Tafts on American soil and several of the popular Eastern summer resorts saw the young couple together. Then Mr. Snowdon returned to Seattle. Last July Miss Taft went West and visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. She was in Seattle only three days, but Mr. Snowdon pressed his courtship so ardently during that brief time that the engagement of the couple was announced soon after the return of Miss Taft to New York.

## A YEAR OF BENEFACTIONS.

John S. Kennedy Leads the List, With Rockefeller Second.

New York, Dec. 30.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the past 12 months was \$141,250,000, an amount just \$40,000,000 greater than any previous year in the history of the country, according to statistics compiled by a New York newspaper. The amount this year was over twice as large as was given away last year, following the panic of 1907.

The principal benefactors in 1909 have been the late John S. Kennedy, of New York (\$28,550,000), John D. Rockefeller (\$12,852,000) and Andrew Carnegie (\$8,056,511). Of the total amount given in 1909, over a third was given specifically for educational work.

The total benefactions in the United States reported in the public press in the last 17 years add up to no less than \$1,090,150,000.

## RACE BECOMES EXCITING.

Pythian Diamond Ring Contest is Proving Very Interesting.

The closing days of the race for the diamond ring offered by Charity lodge, Knights of Pythias to the young lady selected by popular vote, are proving very exciting. Although the race has narrowed down to two candidates, the rivalry between them is intense and it is expected that both will show big increases between now and the hour the contest comes to a close. The votes polled in Red Jacket will be counted on Friday afternoon for the last time and the contest will come to a close at the Calumet Light Guard armory at 10:30 o'clock, standard time, Friday evening, at the dance to be conducted by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The winner will be announced before the close of the party.

When the votes were counted today, it was found that Miss Jennie Bandoni had outstripped her rival, Miss Elsie Erickson, gaining a lead of thirty votes. It is believed, however, that both candidates are withholding votes to be entered tomorrow. The standing of the candidates is:

Miss Jennie Bandoni	12,637
Miss Elsie Erickson	12,607

## CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—In playing Santa Claus, two children were burned to death last night during the temporary absence of the mother. The children's clothes caught fire from the stove.

## MAY GIVE 1910 COOL WELCOME

Chief of Police Steward Plans to Curb Chicago's Annual Celebration.

## NEW YORK WILL MAKE MERRY

San Francisco Also Plans Festivities to Mark the Passing of the Old and Advent of New Year—Big Electric Parade.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chicagoans may greet the advent of 1910 with a whoop and a hurrah, with music and merry-making and a plentiful flow of fix water or the cheaper beverage that made the city to the north famous. Also, there may be no such greeting. It all depends. In the language of the day it's up to Chief of Police Steward to decide whether the greeting shall be joyous or otherwise.

And, to the sorrow of the saloon-keepers, the hotel and restaurant proprietors and others who have been looking forward to a harvest of dollars from the New Year's Eve celebration, the word has been passed down the line that the chief intends to put the "lid" down tomorrow night and sit on it. In other words, the police will be expected to see that 1 o'clock closing order is strictly observed. The police will be detailed at every hotel, restaurant or other resort which has reserved tables for the festive night.

Not only will the sale of liquor be stopped promptly at one hour after midnight, but at no time during the evening will the crowd be permitted to get too hilarious. This rule will apply not only to the cheaper resorts but also to the fashionable hotels and cafes where it is customary to pay from ten to a hundred dollars for the privilege of dining and wining on the last day of the year. Chief Steward declares that in the past some of the "swellest" hotels and cafes have been the worst offenders in this respect.

## Spend Millions in New York.

New York, Dec. 30.—Every large hotel in the metropolis has made extra arrangements for the entertainment of its guests and patrons tomorrow night. It is estimated that New York will expend more than half a million dollars in celebrating the dawn of the new year. Table reservations have broken all records, and in any of the score or more popular resorts along Fifth Avenue and Broadway it will be a case of "standing room only."

The Plaza Hotel will be the scene of gorgeous festivities. The Hotel Astor will throw open its new ballroom and the Waldorf-Astoria will also, for the first time, use the ballroom there. It is safe to predict that champagne will flow freely, and in places like Rector's, the Cafe Martin, Shanley's and the Hotel Knickerbocker the festivities will be continued until the early hours.

Music will enter largely into the festivities this year. At the Plaza there will be an orchestra in each of the four dining rooms. A supplemented brass band and a vaudeville entertainment will also be featured there. Besides the several orchestras at the Astor the large organ in the new ballroom will be used. A special programme of music will be given in all the dining rooms and in the grand ballroom at the Waldorf-Astoria. The Knickerbocker will entertain also and introduce many novelties for the night. Three thousand persons will be entertained in each of

## AUSTRIANS SEEK FORTUNE OF EX-EMPRESS CARLOTTA

Since Death of King Leopold Will Rumors Have Been Afloat in Belgium Regarding Widow of Ill-fated Maximilian.

Brussels, Dec. 30.—For years the name of the ex-Empress Carlotta, widow of the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, has been an unspoken one in Belgium, but since the death of King Leopold, who was her brother, guardian and trustee, all sorts of wild stories have been set afloat concerning her. During the past week or so sensational reports have been widely circulated that the ex-Empress long ago recovered her reason, but for years had been kept prisoner by King Leopold. Other stories have died that the unfortunate woman died years ago, but that her death had been kept secret by order of the King.

It is scarcely necessary to state that little credence is given these stories. On the other hand, it is regarded as possible that there may be some foundation for the report that the reigning house of Austria, to which Maximilian belonged, intends to make an inquiry concerning the vast fortune belonging to Carlotta. During the forty-three years that she has been immured in Palace Lacken no one except those designated by King Leopold was permitted to communicate with her. The King was the sole custodian of the large fortune left her by their father, Leopold I. The papers of the late King are said to contain no reference to his sister's fortune and it is believed by many that it was squandered in its entirety by King Leopold in some of his early business ventures, which were not so successful financially as were his later enterprises.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

Methodists Celebrate 125th Birthday of Church in America.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—Noted leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America assembled in this city today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of their denomination. The exercises commemorating the anniversary were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, which is the successor of the "Lovely Lane Meeting-house," where the memorable Christmas conference assembled in 1784 and took the initial steps for the organization of the Methodists in America into a church.

W. W. Walker, general freight and passenger agent of the South Shore road, is visiting in Calumet today. He returns to Duluth this evening.

The occasion will be brilliant at the St. Regis, the Belmont, the Holland House, Sherry's, Delmonico's and the Gotham, and among the uptown hotels the Antonia and the Majestic have prepared for large gatherings.

## In Holiday Attire.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Rejoicing in the complete rehabilitation of the city and looking forward to a year of record-breaking prosperity, the business interests of San Francisco are preparing for elaborate festivities to mark the birth of the new year. Tomorrow night the downtown streets will be brilliantly illuminated, numerous bands will play at street corners and the merry-makers will be invited to dance the old year out and the new year in. The main attraction, however, will be a parade in which the gorgeous electric floats which were used in the recent Portola festival will be exhibited once more. All of the leading hotels and cafes are making special arrangements for the entertainment of the thousands of revelers.

## Suggestions for a Memorial to Dr. Cook



News Item—A number of friends and neighbors of Dr. Cook in Brooklyn are planning to erect a memorial to him.

## DUEL FATAL TO ENGLISH EARL

Formerly Under Secretary State for Foreign Affairs Dies at Paris.

## ENCOUNTER A FEW DAYS AGO

Henry Algoner George, Well Known English Nobleman, Passes Away—The Family Assigns Death to Natural Causes.

London, Dec. 30.—Word was received here of the death at Paris today of Earl Percy (Henry Algoner George), formerly under secretary of state for foreign affairs. According to the family, death was due to complications following an attack of pneumonia. It is widely reported here, however, the earl's fatal illness followed wounds received in a duel which he is said to have taken part in in Paris some days ago.

Earl Percy was the eldest son and heir of the seventh duke of Northumberland. He has represented South Kensington in parliament since 1895. In 1902-03 he was under secretary of state for India and in the two succeeding years under foreign secretary. He was born in 1871 and unmarried. His home was in London.

Earl's Physicians Deny Report. Paris, Dec. 30.—Earl Percy's physicians deny his death was result of being shot in a duel, and say the cause was acute pharyngitis.

## FLORA DEVOSS COMPANY.

"The Wyoming Sheriff" is the name of the production which will be presented by the Flora Devoss Stock company at the Calumet theater this evening, and it promises to prove an exceptionally interesting one. Tomorrow night the company will offer, "A Romance of the North," and on Saturday afternoon, "Little Albatross." Miss Devoss' own play will be presented. The card for New Year's night is "Hill Only Sin," with which the company will close its engagement. Half tone souvenirs of Miss Devoss will be given away on Saturday afternoon.

The plays which have been produced by this capable company in Calumet this week have given genuine satisfaction, and well deserved the big houses which have greeted them. The specialty actors, "Kimo" the Japanese juggler, and "Gilmore and Castle" are especially interesting, and have frequently been called upon to respond to encores.

Efforts to utilize the spider's web for practical purposes were made as early as 1719 in France.

The electric lighting industry is represented in the United States by 5,246 companies and municipal plants. Foreigners visiting London for the first time are invariably struck by the tameness of the gulls frequenting the Thames Embankment. On a cold winter morning, it is a common thing along the Embankment or on the bridges over the Thames, to see a swirling flock of the birds snatching crusts from the hands of pedestrians. There is an unofficial club in London whose members take a daily dip in the Serpentine, a lake in Hyde Park, all the year round. They are not deterred by the coldest weather. Police regulations require that this public bathing be restricted to the early morning. The ice often has to be broken with an ax.

For home consumption, England imported in 1908, 2,167,280,000 eggs.

## MILDER WEATHER PROMISED ENTIRE NORTHWEST REGION

Last Night Was Characterized by Severe Cold West of Rocky Mountains, but Relief is Predicted by Weather Bureau.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—With the prediction of rising temperature over the entire district east of the Rocky Mountains and the weather bureau's promise of a long period of mild weather following the present cold wave, the Mississippi valley and northwest experienced a night of severe winter weather.

Chicago's mark was seven below, reached at 2 o'clock this morning and at 7 o'clock 3 below was indicated. During the day, however, the weather moderated considerably. Along the Ohio river the temperature was low enough to cause the formation of ice for the first time in several years.

The south is shivering all along the coast and far inland, while the East to New York got its share of the cold wave. That the prediction of milder weather will be verified is indicated in the fact that Huron, South Dakota, reports a rise of 32 degrees from yesterday's lowest temperature, and Omaha, Des Moines, and points in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma tell of higher temperatures.

## ENTOMBED MAN RESCUED.

Moorestown, Okla., Dec. 30.—After being entombed twenty-eight hours in a smoke filled cut of the Holton-Darnall company's coal mine near here, where an explosion occurred Tuesday, Supt. John Brown was rescued alive but unconscious this morning. He may recover.

## FACTS ABOUT FIRES.

Census Bureau's Interesting Statistics Relative to Fires and Losses.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The number of city employees of the fire departments in the 155 cities treated of in the forthcoming U. S. Census Bulletin No. 165, relative to the statistics of cities of 30,000 and more estimated population in 1907 was 29,955, or nearly three-fourths of the number of employees of the police departments in the same cities.

Fire protection in many cities, however, is furnished in large measure by volunteer fire organizations, so that the fire fighting force is somewhat larger than the police force. Call men are numerically unimportant in the cities with a population of over 100,000, and in the last few years there has been a marked tendency for all cities of over 30,000 inhabitants to replace call men with regular men.

It is stated that, by presenting the number of regular firemen per 10,000 inhabitants, the number per 1,000 acres of land area, and the number per 100 miles of improved streets, opportunity is afforded for comparing the effective strength of the departments of the different cities. The number per 10,000 inhabitants is probably the best measure of fire protection.

An Increase in Appropriations. The appropriations for 1904 and 1907 as given in the bulletin include the anticipated expenditures for outlays and for maintenance. The appropriations for 1907 amounted to \$38,525,636, an increase of \$2,648,856, or 6.9 per cent, over the previous year. This, however, does not mean, it is stated, that the expense of maintaining the departments increased at that rate, for a portion of this amount was appropriated for the purchase of land, the construction of buildings, and for new apparatus. The per capita appropriation for the 155 cities reporting was \$1.65.

The per capita cost of maintenance of fire departments in foreign cities is, according to the bulletin, much lower than in cities of the United States, computations recently made by the United States Geological Survey placing the per capita expense in Berlin at \$0.36, London at \$0.19, St. Petersburg at \$0.22, Paris at \$0.21, Milan at \$0.17, and Stockholm at \$0.23. The bulletin cautions that the inference should not be drawn from these data that the fire departments of this country are not economically administered. The low per capita cost of maintenance abroad is the result of stricter building regulations, more nearly fire-proof buildings, and greater precautions to prevent the occurrence of fires.

The foreign municipalities also make no payment for water for fire purposes, an expense incurred by about two-fifths of the departments in the large cities of this country.

In those cities for which complete reports were made there were 88,255 fire alarms during 1907 and 78,507 fires, of which 52,343 resulted in losses. In other words, only 59.3 per cent of the alarms were for fires which occasioned loss. Similarly disregarding those cities with incomplete reports, the total loss through fires was \$48,676,730, on which insurance was paid amounting to \$42,655,725, leaving a net loss of \$6,021,005, or 12.4 per cent. The total fire loss per capita was \$2.28 and the net loss per capita \$0.28. Of the total loss reported, a separation of the total on buildings and the total on their contents was returned for \$48,308,081, showing that \$18,965,427, or 39.3 per cent, was on buildings and \$29,342,654, or 60.7 per cent, was on contents.

The annual production of wool in Australia amounts to about \$115,000,000.

## MEXICO'S ACT NOT UNFRIENDLY

So Declares Special Envoy Creel to the U. S. in Nicaraguan Affairs.

## MANY DIFFICULTIES AT END

Declares in Statement to Press That Zelaya's Resignation Has Prevented Anarchy—Mexico's Course is Surprising.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Enrique Creel, special envoy of Mexico to the U. S. in Nicaraguan affairs, today gave the Associated Press an authorized statement regarding his present mission to this country. Creel declared he had accomplished his task with gratifying results. The resignation of Zelaya and the succession of Madriz had ended many difficulties and prevented anarchy, he declared, and peace and patriotism are now finding their way on both sides in Nicaragua. The granting of an asylum to Zelaya by Mexico, said Creel, was in no sense an act of unfriendliness to the U. S.

## Mexico's Course Surprising.

It is an open secret that the American state department will be intensely surprised to learn that Mexico had recognized Madriz without having previously consulted the U. S. Zelaya's influence in Honduras has been such that the recognition of the Madriz government by that country would seem quite natural in the view of diplomats here. The intense desire of Costa Rica for peace at any price it is said might lead that nation to wish for a settlement of the disturbed state of Nicaraguan affairs at the earliest possible moment and for that reason it is believed it would lend its influence in giving stability to the Madriz government by recognizing its authority should the movement be started by any other Central American republic.

Much speculation is current in official and diplomatic circles concerning the probable action of the Central American republics in recognition of the Madriz government at Managua. Up to this morning the state department had received no official information of such recognition by any Latin American country.

## FORMER HOUGHTON LAWYER HONORED BY STATE BENCH

Supreme Court Judge, Claudius B. Grant Tendered Banquet by Michigan Judges at Lansing—Practiced Law in Houghton.

A fine tribute of respect was paid to Justice C. B. Grant of the supreme court last evening when members of the high court, circuit judges of the state and members of the Ingham county bar attended a banquet in his honor at the Universalist church says the Lansing State Republican. Reference was made to his many years of honorable public service and the first attentions and earnest, conscientious attention he has brought to each duty. At the close Justice Grant responded feelingly, thanking his friends for their kind words. Judge Grant will retire from the supreme bench Dec. 31.

Something was said by the speakers of the evening relative to Justice Grant having earned a good rest, and in his reply for the kindly words, Justice Grant asserted that he by no means purposed to give up work on retiring from the bench; that he was not that kind of a man, adding that he hoped to have his share in future activities of various kinds, although probably he would not be as busy as in former years. About seventy were present at the banquet which was a most delightful affair in all respects. Judge Grant is well known in Houghton, he having practiced law in this county for some years before he became a judge.

## MUCH MONEY FOR CARDS.

People Paid \$61,381 Taxes on Pastebards in November.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The people of the United States paid \$61,381 taxes on playing cards during November last, an increase of \$11,461 over the corresponding period of 1908. This fact is shown in the detailed statement of receipts of internal revenue for the last month made public today. With few exceptions the items of taxation in the November statement show material increases over those of a year ago, the net increase aggregating \$2,695,717.

Among the notable advances are those of \$1,232,308 on distilled spirits, \$273,490 on cigars, \$156,644 on cigarettes, \$307,588 on manufactured tobacco, and \$606,947 barrel tax on fermented liquors.

Total receipts for November were \$24,310,717, for the first five months of the fiscal year, \$113,356,162, and for the corresponding period of 1908, \$106,684,567.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday.